

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR FINALIZING AN EMERGENCY RULE

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 36

REGULATION GOVERNING TAXIDERMISTS

W.S. §23-2-302 provides for the licensing of taxidermists and record keeping by taxidermists as required by the Commission.

An emergency rule for Chapter 36, Regulation Governing Taxidermy, was prepared for Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) action and was adopted on March 27, 2014. An emergency regulation was necessary because amendments to W.S. § 23-2-302, made during the Wyoming Legislature's 2014 Budget Session, were effective immediately upon signature of the Governor. Because the statutory changes were effective immediately, there was insufficient time to promulgate a final regulation through the regular Administrative Procedures Act public process. The purpose of this rule making is to promulgate the provisions of the emergency rule, including the revisions discussed below, as a final rule. This regulation will be finalized at the Commission's scheduled meeting in September, 2014.

Section 3. Definitions of "Taxidermist" and "Wildlife Specimen" have been amended for clarity and to reflect current statutory language.

Section 4. This Section is being deleted since this language is already in state statute.

Old Section 5, Taxidermist Records has been edited for clarity.

New Section 5, Inspection of Taxidermist Records and Premises has been added for clarity regarding a new statutory provision requiring forty-eight (48) hours notice from the Department prior to a regulatory inspection of records.

Section 6 (c) has been added to clarify that licensed taxidermists are exempt from interstate game tag requirements concerning wildlife specimens they receive from or ship to their clients. Licensed taxidermists are still required to abide by all other interstate game tag statutes and regulations.

Section 7. Language that was considered redundant in this regulation was deleted. This Section has been restructured to address possession of migratory game

birds or federally protected species by taxidermists, and the need for a federal taxidermy license.

Section 9. Edits have been made to further address the reasons a taxidermy license may be revoked by the Commission.

Sections 10 and 11 are being deleted in compliance with the Governor's initiative to reduce regulations where possible.

Minor grammatical and formatting edits have been incorporated but do not change the intent of the regulation.

Chapter 36, Regulation Governing Taxidermists, provides definitions, direction for record keeping and inspection of records, and provisions for revocation of a taxidermist license. These rules allow for consistent administration of licensed taxidermists as required by state statute.